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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Hepworth
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FROM :
Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Requests for Background and Briefings
by Dianne LaVoy, House Permanent
Select Committee on Intelligence

1. (IUO) Per our telecon of today, I am forwarding you the list of items that Dianne LaVoy indicated an interest in, including my best understanding of the questions she had on each one:

a. Current Reporting Group -- Does it exist? Is there an "order" or some other description of what it is and what it does? Assuming that it does exist, she would like to talk to someone who could give her a better understanding of what it is and how it functions. She assumes that such a briefing would take one half an hour or less.

b. Office of Weapons Intelligence -- How does this office differ from OSR? She would like an overview of OWI's functions and would like to know how OWI goes about notifying consumers of "warning" items. How does OWI go about doing what it does?

c. ORPA - China -- What analytical tools does this office use as might pertain to "warning." What chronological tools are used (such as synographics and chronographics or others which can be used systematically to follow events)? Differently expressed, what are the tools that ORPA uses to follow Chinese events and how does ORPA approach the task, with specific emphasis on "warning?"

d. ORPA - Africa -- Same as above -- to include how "warnings" fit into the functions of the Operations Center and how analytical judgments are developed to determine at which point do our analysts cry "wolf."

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e. She requested a list of the NIOs -- by function as well as by name.

2. (U) Dianne asked whether we have some paper or group of papers which describes the various functions of NFAC offices. She said that she believed that some descriptions of the various functions would be a helpful point of departure for her. I think that an overview briefing on NFAC from you would be most helpful to her, as well as some detail on the individual offices cited above. She will wish to have an opportunity to talk to someone in each of the cited offices to assist her in gaining her own perspectives. Please feel free to schedule her for briefings and appointments - preferably all on the same day. (She will have to take the [redacted] back down town, so 1600 hours should be the terminal point for any of these briefings.) She said that late this week or early next week would be fine with her. Could we target March 6 or 7?

3. (U) Please let me know if I can be helpful in clarifying the requirements. I confess to being somewhat fuzzy on the various offices myself; hence, undoubtedly did not get some of the requests as clearly as I probably should have.

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